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John McGovern

Welcome back to football at Burnden Park where we kick off a new season in a new division against Wimbledon, Champions last season of the Fourth Division.

Before I get down to discussing the football side of things may I take this opportunity in thanking everyone who has lent his support through sponsorship for the coming season. From our main sponsors HB Electronics whose name we will wear on our shirts for the next nine months right through to those regular supporters who have again shown their faith by purchasing season tickets.

I must say the support we've had from everyone — even after that defeat at Charlton which upset us all at the end of last season — has typified the hard-core following of our true fans.

Looking ahead now, this is going to be a season when, with such a young squad of players, the average age of the team will only rise to any great degree when I'm playing!

We are a largely inexperienced squad but what we lack in the way of experience we will make up with in honest endeavour. Any mistakes that are made on the field by the younger players I can assure you will be genuine, honest errors.

I can predict even at this stage that we will not lose a single game in the coming season through lack of application.

The players reading this will probably think such a statement is putting them under pressure. Well it does and pressure of that nature is something they are going to have to live with if they are to do well in the game.

I can tell you that along with myself, our coaches Charlie Wright and Walter Joyce will be striving to make this a successful season.

There have been fairly significant changes in the playing staff as you will know and by way of an explanation I have to admit that I was as upset as any of the fans when, after offering Jim McDonough and Paul Jones new contracts, they turned them down.

They turned down the opportunity to stay on here on two year contracts on terms which would have made them among the top paid players in the Third Division. Their reasons for turning down the offers, apart from the fact that they did not wish to play in Division Three, were their own.

But it's no use crying over spilt milk.

They have gone and now it's up to myself, Ray Deakin and Gerry McElhinney to share the load of experience and guidance and help get the best out of Warren Joyce, Wayne Foster, Simon Rudge, Steve Saunders, Steve Thompson and Neil Redfearn.

They will all be given their chance to develop into Bolton regulars and I believe they have the talent to do well.

Warren Joyce already has been the subject of a bid from Lincoln City. But the simple logistics of that situation are that I couldn't buy another player with the potential he has for the £25,000 Lincoln offered.

And considering he has still not played a dozen games for us that's quite a statement and quite a tribute to the lad.

Just a brief introduction to the new faces here at Burnden Park: John Platt is a goalkeeper with a wealth of experience with Oldham and Bury who was as good a free transfer signing as there was; Peter Valentine is a young defender who has been one of our most consistent players in pre-season games; Eric Snookes was a surprise free transfer from Rochdale who will have ample opportunity to prove himself.

And Tony Caldwell, the striker who will be no stranger to our supporters from the Horwich area. He also has been impressive in our pre-season games.

We're looking forward to them all doing well for us in the coming season. One thing is for sure, they will hear no complaints from me if they are willing to put 100 per cent effort into their game.

That is what I will be looking for from everyone at the club throughout the season and I'm sure that if we can produce that we will not go too far wrong.



FRONT COVER: Jeff Chandler in the thick of things in the Lancashire Cup game at Rochdale



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WIMBLEDON

NOW WIMBLEDON MEAN TO STAY UP

by Tony Pullein

Wimbledon this year changed divisions for the fifth season in succession! But now the club, described by many as too good for Division Four but not good enough for the Third Division, expects to consolidate at this level.

Last season the Dons won the Fourth Division championship and created a new Football League record of 98 points. And manager Dave Bassett now believes the team is good enough to make its mark in the Third Division.

"Over the past three years we have relied to a great degree on youngsters developed in our youth team," he explained. "They lacked experience and we found the going tough when we returned to Division Three. Now they have experience and confidence and I think we'll do well."

During the summer Wimbledon sold last season's top scorer John Leslie, who hit 25 goals, to Gillingham but there were no moves to replace him. Indeed, unless there has been any last-minute activity in the transfer market, the only new signing will be goalkeeper Ray Goddard, the former Orient, Millwall and Wimbledon player, who has rejoined the club after two years with Wealdstone.

Wimbledon closed last season in exhilarating style. After losing 1-2 at home to Hull in January, they remained unbeaten in the closing 22 games. They haven't lost away from home since last December — 0-1 at Port Vale — and the Dons come to Burnden Park today defending an unbeaten away run of 12 games.

Sadly, this great achievement was not reflected in improved attendances at Plough Lane and last season's average home attendance of 2,347 was more than 200 down on the previous season when they suffered relegation.

Being in competition with such clubs as Fulham, Chelsea, Q.P.R. and Brentford, Wimbledon have never enjoyed the benefit of large crowds and their average since their election to the Football League in 1977 has been:

1977/78 — 3,135; 1978/79 — 3,712 1979/80 — 3,426
1980/81 — 2,484; 1981/82 — 2,595; 1982/83 — 2,347

It's ironical that the Dons' finest-ever season in League soccer should have drawn their smallest crowds.

The club was formed as Wimbledon Old Centrals in 1889, after a local school, and adopted their present title in 1905. They were elected to the Athenian League in 1918 but remained only two years after being accepted into the Isthmian League.

After being beaten in the F.A. Amateur Cup finals of 1935 and 1947, they won that trophy at Wembley in 1963. They then turned professional and were elected to the Southern League in 1964.

Their dreams of getting into the Football League first began to look possible in 1974/75 when, in a memorable run to the Fourth round of the F.A. Cup, Wimbledon won away to First Division Burnley 1-0 and held mighty Leeds to a 0-0 draw at Elland Road. They were only beaten 0-1 in the replay.

In 1977 the Dons won the Southern League Championship for the third time in a row and had gained sufficient support around the country to gain election to the Football League in 1977.

They were promoted in 1979 when they finished third. Relegation followed a year later but in 1981 they took fourth place. In 1982 they were relegated again and last season they carried everything before them again.

DAVE BEASANT (Goalkeeper). Dave is a six foot four inch giant of a goalkeeper signed from non-League Edgware Town. He made his League debut for the Dons in 1980 and has been ever-present for the past two seasons.

GARY PETERS (Defender). Gary, now Wimbledon's captain, was playing in the Southern League with the now-defunct Guildford City when Reading spotted him. He entered League soccer with Reading in 1975 and Fulham signed him for £40,000 in 1979. After a couple of years as a fixture in the Cottagers' first-team, Gary lost his place. Wimbledon signed him in 1982.

MARK MORRIS (Defender). Mark developed in the junior teams but has been holding a first-team place for most of the time following his League debut in 1981.

STEVE HATTER (Defender). Steve began his career with Fulham, making his League debut in 1977/78.



Back Row: Alan Gillet (Ass. Manager), Mick Smith, Mark Morris, Dave Beasant, Steve Hatter, Stewart Evans.
Middle Row: Paul Fishenden, Phil Driver, Jim Richardson, Dave Bassett (Manager), Gary Peters (Capt.), Wally Downes, Glyn Hodges, Derek French (Physio).
Front Row: Kevin Gage, Andy Sayer, Steve Galliers, Steve Ketteridge, John Leslie (now Gillingham).

He initially joined the Dons on loan in December 1982 but the transfer was completed later last season.

MICK SMITH (Defender). Mick made his bow in League soccer with Lincoln in 1977/78 and completed 25 League games for the Red Imps before moving on to Wimbledon four seasons ago.

STEVE GALLIERS (Midfield). Steve was once on Blackburn's books but then went non-League with Chorley. It was after joining Wimbledon that he was introduced to League soccer in 1977. He won an immediate place and two seasons ago he was transferred to Crystal Palace for £70,000. But he didn't settle at Selhurst Park and Wimbledon were able to re-sign him for £15,000 during the 1982 close-season.

STEVE KETTERIDGE (Midfield). Steve developed with Derby County but did not graduate to first-team duty with the Rams. He was still only 19 when Wimbledon signed him and, since getting his chance in their League eleven in 1978/79, he has been holding his place in the squad.

KEVIN GAGE (Midfield). Kevin served his apprenticeship with the Dons and made his first League appearance for the club in 1980/81.

GLYN HODGES (Midfield). Glyn completed his apprenticeship at Plough Lane and has been in the side consistently since his debut three seasons ago.

WALLY DOWNES (Midfield). Wally worked his way up from the youth team to make his League debut in 1978/79 and last season completed 150 League appearances for the club.

CHRIS DIBBLE (Midfield). Chris played his first League soccer for Millwall in 1977/78 and made more

than 60 League appearances for the Lions prior to his transfer to Wimbledon in 1982.

PAUL FISHENDEN (Midfield). Paul got his chance in the Dons' League eleven two seasons ago. He is not yet a regular member of the side though last season he scored four times in only 9 outings.

STEWART EVANS (Forward). Stewart was Wimbledon's second-highest scorer with 14 goals last season. His career has taken several twists. When he was unable to get into Rotherham's League eleven he went into non-League football with Gainsborough Trinity. His displays with them persuaded Sheffield United to sign him but he didn't make their League team either so he was happy to throw in his lot with Wimbledon two seasons ago.

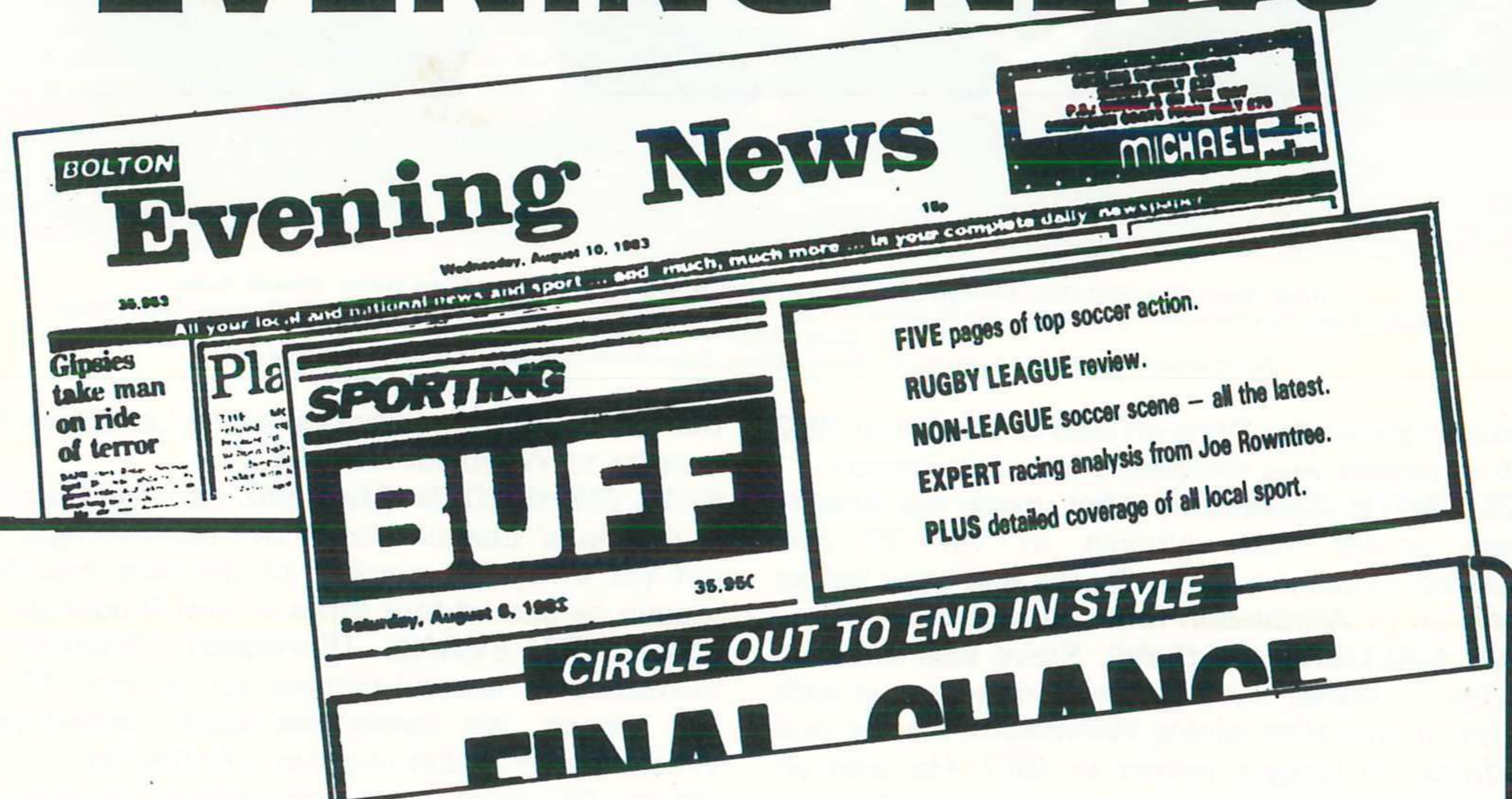
PHIL DRIVER (Forward). Phil is now in his second spell at Plough Lane. His first League club was Luton but he didn't get into their first-team and he drifted into non-League football with Bedford. Wimbledon signed him in 1978 and two years later sold him to Chelsea for £20,000. He rejoined Wimbledon on a free transfer this summer.

ALAN CORK (Forward). Alan was a reserve-team player with Derby County but he made his League debut whilst on loan to Lincoln in 1977/78. Later that season he signed for Wimbledon and he was their top scorer for the following three seasons with 25, 13 and 26.

ANDY SAYER (Forward). Andy is an apprentice who has yet to play in the Dons's League eleven. But he scored 32 goals for the youth team last season and is expected soon to get his chance in the Third Division.

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'Unbeaten in Ireland'

The Wanderers returned from their 8 days tour of Ireland with three victories and a draw to their credit.

The first game took place at Sligo Rovers on the West coast, the club having won the Irish Cup the previous season. Although the pitch was in a poor state it took the Wanderers under a minute to take the lead, when Jeff Chandler shot home after the keeper had fumbled a Brian Borrows free kick.

Former Burnley striker Paul McGhee equalised for Rovers but Chandler scored the winner in the 66th minute after a typical Warren Joyce run through the home defence.

Team: Farnworth, Berry, Snookes, McGovern, McElhinney, Deakin, Borrows, Chandler, Foster, Joyce, Rudge Subs: Redfearn for McGovern, Saunders for Rudge.

The next game took place in the small town of Ballybofey the home of Finn Harps where again the scoreline was 2-1 in Wanderers favour. On this occasion they came back from behind as McLoughlin had given the League of Ireland side a first half lead.

Steve Saunders equalised within a minute of the second half and Gerry McElhinney, playing against his former club scored the winner in the 64th minute when he headed home a Steve Thompson corner.

Team: Platt, Berry, Snookes, Redfearn, McElhinney, Valentine, Thompson, Rudge, Foster, Joyce, Saunders Sub Borrows for Snookes.

The team then travelled into Northern Ireland to face Carrick Rangers, newly elected to the Irish league. Apart from Brian Borrows having to clear off his own line they never really posed any problems and Bolton ran out 6-0 winners.

Jeff Chandler grabbed a hat trick, his third being a spectacular volley with the other goals coming from John McGovern, Steve Saunders and Neil Redfearn.

Team: Farnworth, Borrows, Deakin, McGovern, Berry, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, Caldwell, Redfearn, Saunders.

The final game took place in Belfast against Glentoran who will face Paris St Germain in this season's cup winners cup.

As expected they were a tougher nut to crack than the previous opponents, the game itself producing few goalmouth incidents. Peter Valentine had to clear off his own line from a Gerry McElhinney header in the first half and Wayne Foster should have won the game for Bolton in the 78th minute when from six yards he shot straight at Patterson in the Glentoran goal.

Team: Platt, Borrows, Deakin, McGovern, McElhinney, Valentine, Saunders, Chandler, Foster, Joyce, Rudge.

Unlike the usual standard of friendlies all the games were played in a competitive spirit with the Wanderers players keen to get match fit and the Irish teams although part time eager to show that they are no pushovers.

Previous Encounters

Today's visit from Wimbledon will be the first ever meeting between the two clubs.

They are in fact one of thirteen clubs the Wanderers have never faced of the present 92 in Football League games.

The others are Aldershot, Chester, Colchester, Crewe, Darlington, Exeter, Gillingham, Hartlepool, Newport, Peterborough, Reading and Wigan.

Incidentally only Barnsley, Grimsby, Lincoln, Northampton and Portsmouth have faced each of the other current clubs in the league.

Opening day facts and figures

Of the 37 seasons since the war the Wanderers' record in opening league games reads: Won 14 drawn 9 lost 14, although only 16 have taken place at Burnden compared to 21 away games.

Aston Villa were the last club to visit Burnden on an opening day in season 1979/80 but you have to go back two more seasons to find Bolton's last winning start to a season when a Roy Greaves goal won the points at Burnley whilst a 3-0 win over Portsmouth in 1974/75 was the last home win.

The Wanderers' biggest winning margin has been by 4-0 at Burnden when Stoke in 1949/50 and Leeds in 1958/59 were the visitors. They did score a 5-2 win over Aston Villa in 1951/52 again at Burnden whilst the worst defeat came at St Andrews Birmingham in 1967/68 by 4-0.

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'FLASHBACK'

15 years ago

The Wanderers went to the continent and although drawing at Twente Enschede and winning at VFR Neuss the game at Enschede was spoilt with the sending off of Gareth Williams and Gordon Taylor. Charlie Cooper also received a bad injury which needed a number of stitches.

August 10th The league season opened with a game at Oxford who were playing their first ever second division game. A Williams goal won a point in a 1-1 draw with the following team: Hopkinson, Ritson, Farrimond, Williams, Hulme, Hatton, Wharton, Hill, Greaves, Bromley, Taylor.

August 17th A crowd of 16386 which turned out to be the best home attendance of the season saw the Wanderers defeat newly promoted Bury by 2-0 with goals from Roy Greaves and Brian Bromley.

August 20th Two goals from Terry Wharton earned a point in a 2-2 draw at Bristol City.

August 24th. An unchanged Bolton side for the fourth consecutive game defeated Fulham 2-0 at Craven Cottage with goals from John Hulme and Freddie Hill.

10 years ago

A three match tour started season 1973/4 with a 3-0 win over Dutch club Helmond and defeats at Mulheim and Dordrecht by 2-0 and 2-1 respectively.

Huddersfield Town came to Burnden for a friendly and won 1-0 with a goal from Phil Summerhill. Both Alan Gowling and Terry Poole later to join the Wanderers were in the Town side. Local rivals Blackburn Rovers also came to Burnden for a Friday evening friendly. A crowd of 6019 saw goals from Stuart Lee and John Byrom to win the game.

August 25th. Bolton visited Bristol City in their opening second division game but went down by the only goal scored by Bobby Gould. Tony Dunne made his debut for the Wanderers in the following side: Siddall, McAllister, Dunne, Rimmer, Jones (P), Nicholson, Byrom, Jones (G), Greaves, Lee, Phillips, Sub Waldron for Nicholson.

5 years ago

After two away draws in friendlies at Bradford City and Doncaster Rovers the Wanderers competed in the Anglo Scottish Cup. After a defeat at Sunderland by 2-0 Sheffield United were the midweek visitors to Burnden. A Neil Whatmore goal won the game but Peter Reid was badly injured. A goalless draw resulted when Oldham were the visitors although Frank Worthington missed a penalty.

August 19th A crowd of 21 365 saw the Wanderers first game back in the first division when Bristol City were the visitors to Burnden. The team was McDonagh, Nicholson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Worthington, Train Sub Dunne for Allardyce. Gowling gave Bolton the lead with his first goal for the club but goals from Mann and Ritchie won the game for Bristol.

August 22nd Bolton came back twice to draw 2-2 at Southampton with Frank Worthington on the mark with a double. Graham Baker and Ted McDougall scored Southamptons goals.

August 26th The Wanderers fell to pieces in a 4-0 defeat at WBA. They were three goals down after 25 minutes and never looked like scoring. Ally Brown with two, Laurie Cunningham and Cyril Regis scored Albions goals. This game saw Garry Jones make his final league appearance for the wanderers as substitute.

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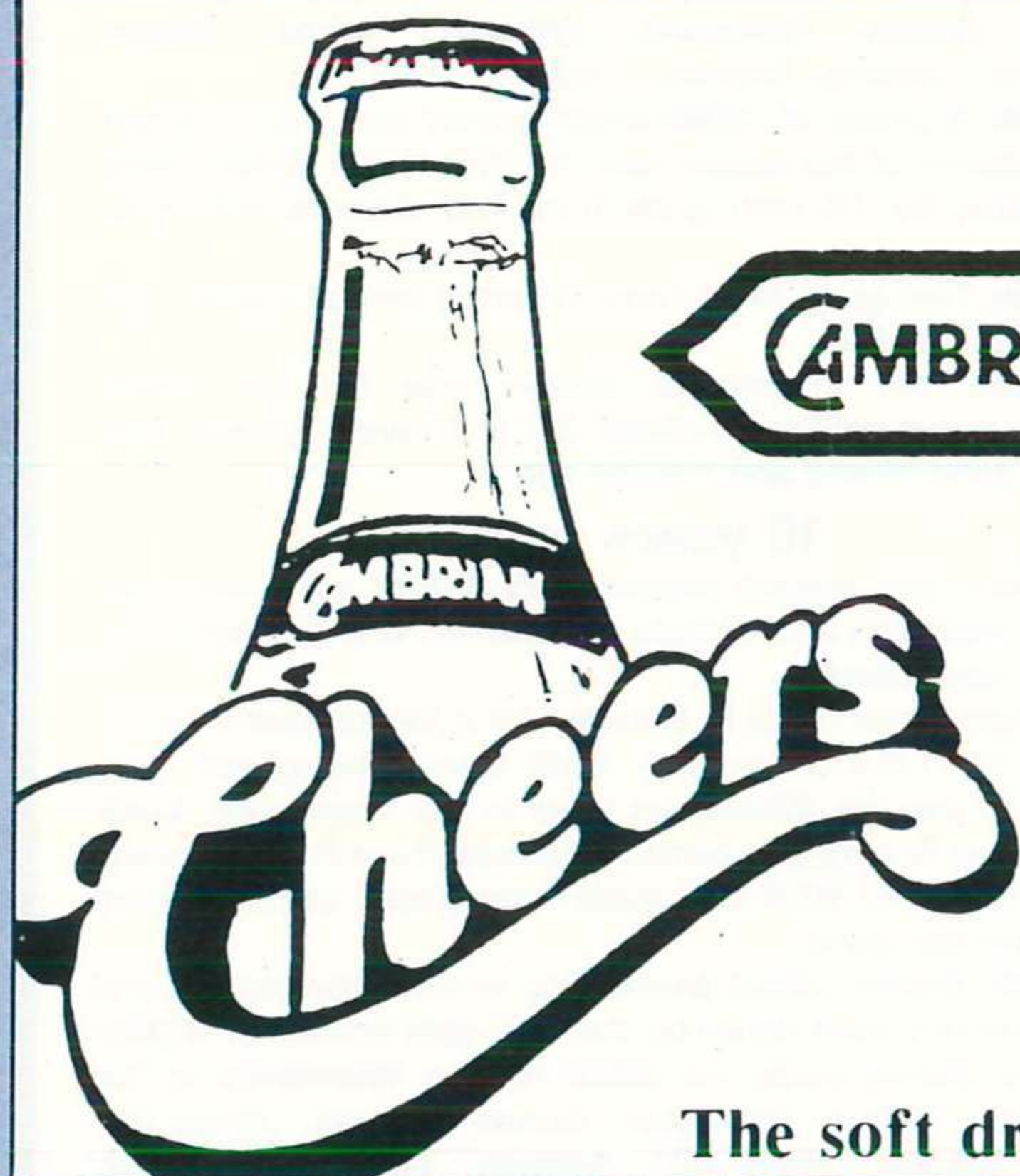
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The offside conundrum

By John Nolan

Following the many crisis meetings the game's top administrators held last season the new campaign dawns with very little change to the football package that makes up the Football League.

The second Chester Report has been and gone but apart from a few cosmetic alterations it is basically business as usual.

The problem is that in the past decade the footballing public have plainly rejected the product that has been presented for their consumption so there seems little likelihood of a rallying of the fans for the 1983-84 season.

I don't for one minute think it makes any difference to the overall picture whether there are 18 or 21 clubs in the First Division. The paying customer is not concerned with how many games his favourite club is committed to in domestic and European competition, his criteria is whether he feels he is getting value for the money when he comes to watch the team.

Football is now facing a situation that is new. Twenty years ago most children were introduced to the game on the terraces of their local club. What they saw on the field was the true real live product, the complete symphony, with its melodrama and more passive phases intertwined in one complete performance.

Today's prospective football follower has been weaned on a diet of action replays and frozen frames served up in his own living room on the magic box. Thus not accustomed to digesting the full course they expect, and are not satisfied, if the scenario that unfolds before them is not one continual explosion of action and excitement.

It is hard for the real product to compete with television's bastardisation of the game but it is a problem that it must come to terms with. In one degree it has started to do this by allowing the TV companies to televise ten games live this season and that is a move in the right direction.

For although the electronic eye has much going for it it cannot capture the atmosphere of being at a big game, that feeling of participation that the paying customer enjoys and that feeling of involvement is the game's trump card.

But that in itself will not be enough to encourage the dwindling supporter back to the terraces and perhaps further steps should be taken to make the game more attractive as a spectacle.

At the start of last season the clamp down on fouling tactics certainly provided a more vibrant attacking element to the game and this could perhaps be improved even more by a slight change to the rules.

Not that I hold with wholesale changes to a game that is basically simple but there can be no denying that the offside law has room for improvement.

There definitely is not a more frustrating law for players and spectators alike. How many times have you seen a well executed forward pass ruled out by a hairline offside decision?

One problem is that it is so difficult to judge whether the receiver was in the offside position when the ball was actually played by a player in a deep lying position. The match officials eyes are fixed to the man with the ball in the first instance, by the time they have adjusted to take in the receiver the defenders have run forward so exaggerating the position of the man running forward and inevitably the flag and the whistle end an attacking move.

In my experience many of these decisions are wrong and thus the positive creative side of the game is being thwarted by the negative which is not good for the product.

As we know FIFA have made it quite clear that they are not in favour of any alterations to the rules of the game so there is very little likelihood at this stage of changing the system, but that does not mean that we cannot review the way we interpret those existing laws.

For example if a player is caught in an offside trap outside the penalty area it could be construed that he was not seeking to gain an advantage by being in that position. The four defenders who ran past him were putting him in that situation.

If you adopt that principle then consequently the referee's decision could stand in favour of the attacking player. You are not altering the rules just finding another way of achieving the same end, by putting the emphasis firmly on the side of attacking football.

We are of course talking about marginal decisions and not suggesting that players should be allowed to encroach yards behind the defence formation, but anything that can help stimulate forward play can only do good for the game in general.



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Bradley's BRIEF



Ray Bradley of
the 'Sunday
Express' writes
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It should have been Billy Bond's day. West Ham's swashbuckling skipper was making his 500th appearance for the club. It might have been Geoff Hurst's day. Chelsea's young manager was hoping for a glory return to Upton Park as he led out his young team and then savoured the cheers from a sporting crowd who rose to salute their former idol.

In the event, it turned out to be Trevor Brooking's day. Chelsea were crushed 4-0 in a compelling Hammers performance masterminded, as usual, by Brooking who grabbed two of the goals — the second a spectacular 25-yarder — in a peerless display of midfield artistry.

The delicate one-twos with Devonshire; the deft but deadly flicks, the quality control, the piercing pass that bisects a defence and above all, the effortless ease with which he wrong-foots a defender, were all vividly displayed.

At the end of a dream performance, his old buddy Hurst admitted: "When Trev's in a mood like that there is not much point turning up. He mesmerised our defence even without the ball." A rich tribute to a master craftsman who has dominated the Upton Park stage for more than a decade.

Brooking at his best is something to savour. An inventive artist who has brought a subtle splash of colour to a drab, grey canvas. There are few disfiguring barbs when in elegant stride, even though he has had to compensate for deficiencies and the persistent complaint that he lacks a tough competitive streak.

He is not blessed with speed either, although at times he can glide down the left and sidestep an ill-timed challenge without

breaking his stride. But to dismiss his gifts is like denigrating Sinatra because his superb phrasing disguises the fact that he cannot reach a top note when rendering Old Man River.

ENJOY THE GAME

It is a fallacious argument built on the exaggerated assertion that football today is all about that much-abused word "commitment." Brooking's game is all about creation and if he had to win tackles he could not reach he would long ago have disappeared from the frantic English scene.

As it happens he missed nearly all last season because of a pelvic injury and his loss was sorely felt by West Ham and England, who despite aggregate effort under Bobby Robson frequently flattered to deceive.

This season, unfortunately, will be his last. After a glittering career spanning nearly 18 years and more than 50 England caps Brooking will bow out — hopefully, on a triumphant note.

"Last season was hardly that," he confesses with characteristic modesty. "It was more of a nightmare after my operation. I was a month on crutches and only managed to slip in a few games before the end of the season."

Now he returns from a summer spell in Hong Kong eager for action, but conscious that he will have a real fight on his hands to command a regular first team place at 35 in a side that used to lean heavily on his talents.

"We shall just have to see how things go," he says with that casual manner that disguises an in-built determination to succeed. "There is a lot of young talent breaking through and I have no divine right to a regular place. I hope that my injury problems are now behind me and that I can go out and enjoy my game."

LAST SEASON

"I am still a bit rusty, but I don't think I have anything to prove to people and accept the fact that I am now nearing the end of my career. When I decided to sign another year's contract with my only club it was because I loved the game and wanted to give back something in return."

"But this is definitely my last season in English football. After that, who knows, I may have a summer in America. I have always been keen to play there. But a lot will depend on how things go this term. I would not like to be a burden on the other lads."

He refutes the suggestion that he will move into management when the time comes to call it quits. As befits a man who has 12 "O" levels and a business background in economics and accountancy, he is quick to evaluate the pitfalls of a profession where they nail you to the floorboards if you fail.

Not that he is likely to be among the 350 applicants for any managerial vacancy at Crewe, Coventry or Colchester which crop up from time to time. He does not suffer from mental malnutrition and has a reverent regard for family life.

He has several business interests outside the game which prohibit him from such folly. Promotional opportunities were abundant during his enforced absence last season and he proved to be an equally acceptable ambassador in the board room as he was so often for England and West Ham on the field.

For 15 years he has been a personal friend, always accessible, always polite and always prepared to accept the responsibilities of representing his profession.

No autograph hunter was ever turned away by England's finest ambassador and most popular player since Bobby Charlton. That's just not Hadleigh's style.



Trevor Brooking

Denmark

now main threat

By Colin Benson



Glenn Hoddle
— Robson's
still not
convinced.

ENGLAND team boss Bobby Robson knows that if he is to save his bacon and qualify for the finals of the European Championship, in France next summer, his team must beat Denmark at Wembley on September 21st.

With some two-thirds of the qualifying phase already completed, Hungary, the country we anticipated most likely to bar England's passage, have faded badly following three defeats at the hands of England, Greece and Denmark and it is the so far undefeated Danes who have emerged as England's main rival for the top place in Group Three.



Allan Simonsen — Charlton's former star returns with Denmark.

It was a year ago when Robson first stepped into the international arena to open the European Championship campaign against those very same Danes in Copenhagen, and plunder a point most observers felt England did not deserve.

Goalkeeper Peter Shilton was the hero of the hour in that uncertain show at the National Stadium, pulling off a succession of fine saves, to thwart Elkjer in particular and Denmark in general, in what could only be described as a one sided affair.

The scoreline of 2-2 certainly flattered England who had taken the lead in the seventh minute through Trevor Francis. Hansen thumped in a penalty to equalise with 20 minutes to go then Francis hooked home a Wilkins corner to restore the lead in the 80th minute. Just as it seemed England had burgled a victory, Olsen dribbled through to square the game on the stroke of full time.

That is the only point the Danes have dropped, having beaten Luxembourg (away) 2-1, and Greece (1-0) and Hungary (3-1) on home soil. England on the other hand — having played one game more — have dropped two points, the other being lost in that dreadful goalless draw with Greece at Wembley last March.

The Greeks subsequent 3-1 victory over Hungary in Budapest, with virtually a reserve squad, perhaps put the Wembley disaster into better perspective, but does alter the fact that Denmark now hold the aces. . . Nothing short of victory for

England on September 21, will put Robson's men back on the road to France.

The snag is, that through no fault of his own, Mr. Robson is no nearer to establishing a regular side than he was those 12 months ago when he started his reign as England's manager.

In terms of time it might seem quite a long period, but in terms of games played the former Ipswich boss has had only nine full internationals to play with — not counting the abortive three match tour of Australia — and not on one of those occasions has he had all the players he wanted available for selection.

And one can't see the position improving while our major clubs give priority to their own lucrative close-season tours, and withdraw players from international squads at the slightest hint of injury.

One can only sympathise with Bobby Robson who finds himself in a frustrating dilemma.

LACK OF TALENT

"It has to be taken step by step," he explains. "There is a long term and a short term process taking place all the time and you have to be very clever about it.

"At the moment the European Championship is the short term objective while our World Cup prospects in three years time are long term objectives. The trick is merging both together.

"But it is very difficult to develop any form of policy when you can't get the players you want or the preparation time with them which is fundamental to the cause."

Like those who have soldiered on before him, Bobby Robson finds himself smothered by the system, swallowed up by the political infighting that puts self interest before national pride. And the England manager can do little more than pick up the pieces and do his best. . . but that is hardly the way to produce a European Championship winning team.

Particularly in the current climate when England is barren of world class players — the goalkeeping spot excepted with Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence outstanding individuals.

West Ham United skipper, Billy Bonds, who at 37 is still going strong in the First Division, highlighted the problem recently when I asked him what major changes he had noticed in the game since starting his distinguished professional career.

He replied: "Basically the players are not so good now as when I first started, it's as simple as that. . . There are still some very good players around but they are few and far between and there is no question the overall standard has dropped.

"I don't know why. Maybe these things go in cycles. It is now 20 years since I first came into the game and maybe in another 15 to 20 years we will produce good players again. But it is a world wide problem, not one just associated with England.

"We had Bobby Moore here who was the England central defender, but there were players like Tommy Smith (Liverpool), Norman Hunter (Leeds United) and Colin Todd (then of Derby County), who could not get in the team, yet they would all walk into the present side."

When you look at the current England line-up there isn't a single outfield player you could honestly say is world class. Manchester United's all-action dynamo Bryan Robson is fast developing into one and Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock have the ability, but still there are question marks hanging over their heads.

The only really outstanding talent is that of Glenn Hoddle, who in my opinion should have been an England regular for the past three years. His skill factor is second to none, and that includes his Tottenham team mate Ossie Ardiles, but his industry on the field does not measure up to the requirements of the England management.

COOL

I thought he was England's outstanding player in the 2-0 victory over Scotland last May but Robson remained very cool on the subject summing up Glenn's performance like this:

"Glenn does good things in a match, but he has got to do lots of good things all the time. Midfield players have to be involved all the time, his performance against Scotland was adequate."

So the Spurs super star remains the enigma of the English game that is crying out for individuals like him.

Strangely Denmark, who until recently were strictly amateur, are producing more gifted players than we are, and Bobby Robson says "of the nine teams we have played under my managership I feel that Denmark are the best. Their win over Hungary makes them the team to fear and our match against them will now be vital".

We also faced the Danes in this same competition four years ago, when their West German manager Sepp Piontek had just taken control. England scraped home with a single goal victory, thanks to Kevin Keegan, ironically the first man axed by Robson on taking command of the national side.

"That was a special game for Denmark," reflects Piontek, "and at first our players were very nervous, but we were proud of our performance and with a little bit of luck we could have drawn.

"But we won in experience and many of those players are still in the team so Wembley will not prove such a daunting task for them this time."

Defender Soren Busk (27), midfielders Allan Simonsen (30), Frank Arnesen (26), Soren Lerby (25) and Jens Jorn Bertelsen (31) plus striker Preben Elkjaer — who scored three goals against Northern Ireland in June 1979 — were all in that last Wembley show, and all of them with the exception of former European Footballer of the Year, Simonsen, and Arnesen — both injured — were in the team that drew with England last September.

But the new star of Danish football comes in the lean frame of Jesper Olsen, the 22 year old Ajax midfielder, a precocious genius who possesses all the qualities of a really great player.

It was he who glided past Bryan Robson as if he wasn't there, dribbled around Butcher and Osman, to slide the equaliser wide of Shilton in Copenhagen, exploiting to the full his brilliant tight control, devastating pace and tactical awareness. Little wonder then that Mr. Robson should bracket him with Pele, Johan Cruyff and Diego Maradona.

The difference between the two sides in September '79 was Kevin Keegan, the difference this time could be Jesper Olsen.

With two more games left to play after this match, both away in Hungary and Luxembourg, England need to hit peak form if they are to take both points against the talented Danes.

GROUP III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	5	3	2	0	16	2	8
DENMARK	4	3	1	0	8	4	7
GREECE	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
HUNGARY	5	2	0	3	15	12	4
LUXEMBOURG	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

To play:

- 12.10.83 Hungary — ENGLAND
- Denmark — Luxembourg
- 26.10.83 Hungary — Denmark
- 16.11.83 Greece — Denmark
- Luxembourg — ENGLAND
- 3.12.83 Greece — Hungary
- 14.12.83 Greece — Luxembourg

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GIVING YOUTH A BREAK

As Wolverhampton Wanderers kick-off in the First Division they might reflect on the importance of the last minute winner scored by Billy (The Kid) Livingstone when they played, on their own admission, some of their least effective football of the season and still beat Carlisle 2-1.

And following Port Vale's promotion from the Fourth Division it is certain that Manager John McGrath will look back with gratitude on the contributions made by 18 year-old striker Robert Earle.

And when Luton did their sums at the end of the season they recalled that the receipts from the Fourth Round F.A. Cup Tie against Manchester United were made partially possible by the assured manner in which 17 year-old Mark Watts made his debut in the previous round against Peterborough and how well 18 year-old Mitchell Thomas played in the same Manchester United Cup-tie and in several subsequent First Division matches.

Yet Livingstone, Earle, Watts and Thomas, would not have enjoyed their moments of glory had not The Football League given enthusiastic backing to the Manpower Services Commission's Work Experience scheme which provides unemployed youngsters with the opportunity of working at League clubs.

'Any youngsters who made the grade under this scheme must be regarded as a bonus', says Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League. 'Because the main object of this scheme, which our clubs have backed so handsomely, is to get involved in the Local Community and show that football, like any other major industry, can make its contribution in these sad days of depression and recession'.

The present Work Experience Scheme, so successful that it is due to be extended next September, allows each of the League's 92 clubs to take on out-of-work youngsters whom the government pay £25.00 per week. They must spend 50% of their time receiving training in activities other than football like office routine, groundsmanship etc.

But if the youngsters prove they have what it takes to reach League playing standard, then it is good for the clubs and marvellous for the boys.

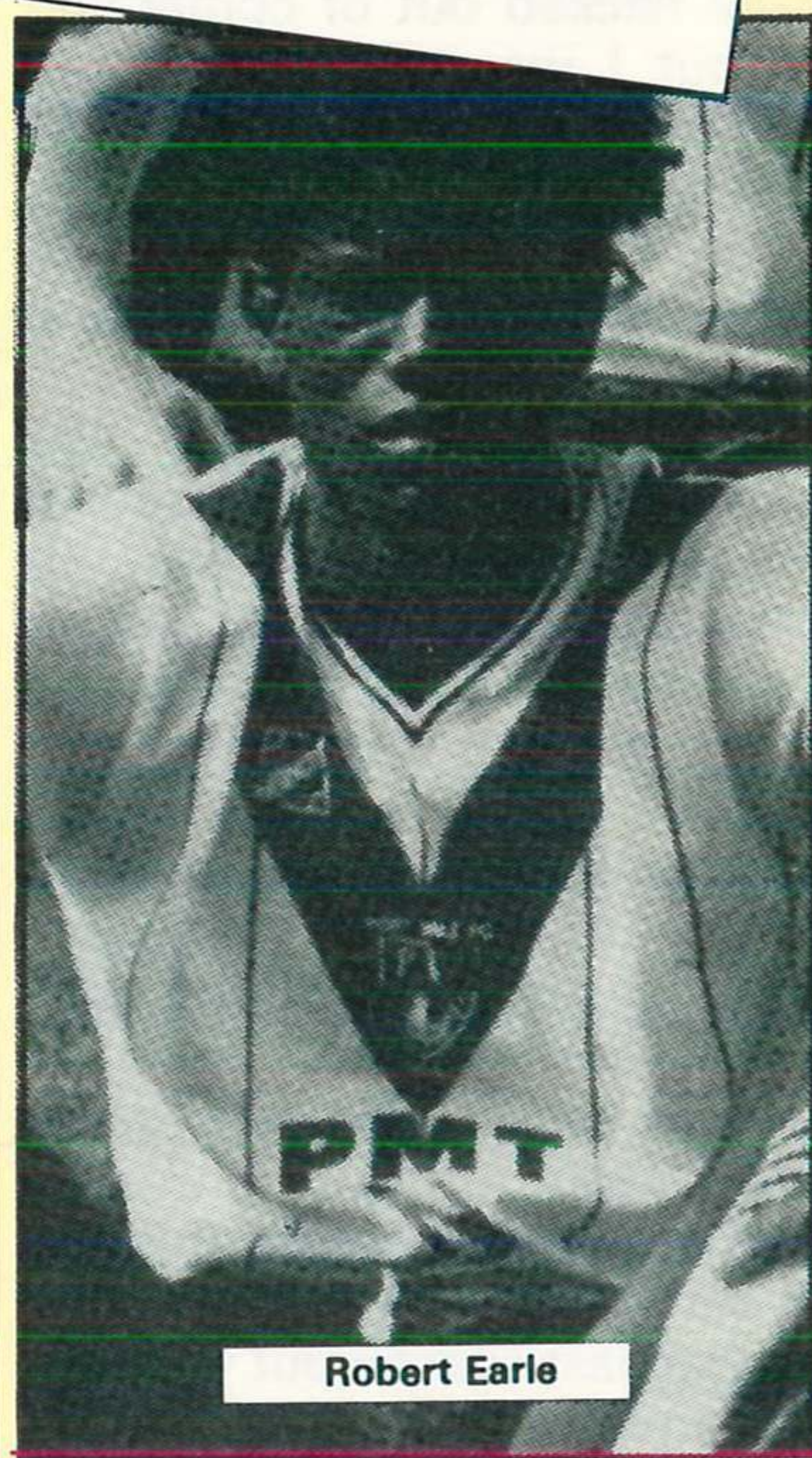
Livingstone, Earle, Watts and Thomas have already proved worthy of full-time contracts, and they will

not be the last. David Pleat, Manager of Luton, is very enthusiastic about the scheme. 'Watts and Thomas and the other two lads we have at Kenilworth Road, Richard Cadette and Mike Shearer, have all known the heartbreak of the dole, so they really sweat their guts out. It could be their last chance of getting something out of life.'

Ironically, Coventry-born Livingstone might also have gone to Luton, but Wolves beat them to the punch. Yet Livingstone readily concedes that had it not been for the Work Experience Scheme he would almost certainly still be counting himself among the unemployed. And Livingstone now enjoys a lifestyle he would have thought impossible a couple of years ago.



David Pleat



Robert Earle

The success of the Work Experience scheme has delighted Gordon Taylor, Secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, who welcomes its expansion. 'It's a marvellous idea at a time when money has never been tighter', he says. 'It offers clubs a golden opportunity to save money without cutting staffs'.

One club who have taken full advantage are Norwich City, who have signed a whole team — 11 out-of-work teenagers — and if just one or two make the grade it will have proved a worthwhile operation for the Canaries.

BENNO

AT LARGE



PERHAPS the most baffling aspect of the extraordinary amount of bad sportsmanship we see at the top level these days is the unwillingness of the authorities to deal with the culprits.

We already know that football's assassins have officialdom in their pockets — it was there for all to see during the Spanish World Cup Finals when players like Maradona were hacked out of contention — but I was really staggered this summer when the Football Association's clean-up campaign was given the boot by FIFA, the world's governing body.

Dr Joao Havelange, the president of the International Football Board, made it pertinantly clear that he had no truck for the FA's clamp-down on destructive violent play and actually put our home association under pressure to ease up on the stringent enforcement that ushered such a welcome breath of fresh air throughout our domestic game last season.

There were a record number of sendings-off recorded in the League last season but with the emphasis switched to helping those creative players overcome the brutality of foul play, the game definitely benefited as a spectacle.

The apparent indifference shown by leading officials such as Havelange only leads one to suspect that they do not see what is actually going on in the field of play. One only had to see that enlightening film, which was ironically FIFA's official record of Espana 82, to realise just how much cheating and violent play is perpetrated in the international arena.

And yet Havelange told the FA that football viewers and administrators around the world were puzzled by the sight of players being sent-off in England for 'professional' fouls.

What chance has the game got of maintaining its standing as a top entertainment when those guilty of crunching entertainment out of the game are continually exonerated by those at the top.

THE GUINLESS TEST!

The great TV debate was eventually settled last July at a meeting of League club chairmen when they approved a new Soccer-TV deal which allowed for the Milk Cup Final to be screened live on a Sunday together with an allocation of 10 major League games and a number of FA Cup ties.

Whether you think that soccer has once more sold itself cheaply to the TV moguls or not there is no doubt that the arrangement strongly favours the big clubs who were quick to capitalise on the concession to allow shirt advertising on the screen.

Although the permitted size of the shirt advertisement is considerably smaller than that required — a nonsense when you consider the amount of advertising that is plastered over Grand Prix racing cars which appear regularly on BBC — it still dangles like a juicy

carrot in front of many major companies eager to exploit the situation to the full.

But not all will benefit from this new found wealth and with the transmission of live League football geared to covering the top matches, those members of the lower divisions could clearly suffer.

Indeed the repercussions will be felt even further afield . . . Across the sea in Ireland for instance the League of Ireland officials are gravely disturbed by the new agreement.

They of course play their matches on a Sunday afternoon and L.O.I. secretary Eamonn Morris telexed his English counterparts informing them that the new TV agreement could spell disaster for the game in the Republic of Ireland.

Their domestic competition has already suffered considerably from the screening of highlights on a Sunday afternoon and L.O.I. officials see live telecasts as an even bigger threat to their diminishing attendances.

They have approached the British television companies directly but Mr. Morris explains: "They claim that their signal is being pirated in the republic and therefore will not consider changing their schedules."

The Irish game, which already loses its best players to the English league, has no answer. It cannot compete with the quality of the First Division and given the choice of watching Shamrock Rovers v Dundalk or Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur, on the box, there is no prize for guessing where the majority of Irish football fans will be found . . . In front of the goggle box with a crate of Guinness!

Bolton

A-Z

PART 1 BY TONY PULLEIN

Today we start a fascinating new series in which we shall be featuring all the famous players, managers, etc., who have played a part in the development of the club since its formation back in 1874. We shall be covering club records, Cup finals, promotion and relegation seasons, and just about every aspect in encyclopaedic form. Supporters who collect the whole series will piece together one of the most detailed accounts of club history ever published.

ANDERSON, Stan

Stan Anderson was the club's assistant-manager when asked to take over full control in February 1980 and he remained in charge of team affairs until May 1981. He had previously managed Middlesbrough, a top Greek club and Doncaster Rovers. Stan never quite achieved in the managerial field what he did as a player, though. He rose to his best as a hard-tackling wing-half with Sunderland, winning two full England caps and four under-23 caps. He was transferred to Newcastle for £35,000 in November 1963 and two years later moved on to Middlesbrough. He became the first man ever to skipper each of the big three North-East clubs.

ARMFIELD, Jimmy

It was at the end of a highly distinguished playing career that Jimmy came to Burnden Park to start life as a manager. A fine full-back, Jimmy completed over 500 League appearances for Blackpool and gained 43 England caps, skippering his country on numerous occasions. The Trotters had just suffered relegation to the Third Division for the first time in our history when Mr Armfield took over as manager during the summer of 1971. He plotted the first stage of our recovery by leading us to the Third Division championship two years later and he made such a good general impression that he became the target for several major clubs. When offered the Leeds' post, following Brian Clough's brief reign, in October 1974, it was a challenge he could scarcely refuse.

He took Leeds to the European Cup final at the end of his first season but the team, made famous by Don Revie, was by then beginning to fall apart and a major reconstruction job was on the cards. The Elland Road club didn't really give Mr Armfield the time he needed to undertake this and, in October 1978, he left the club. He has since been active as a BBC radio reporter, and a sports writer.

ATTENDANCES

The first match ever to be staged at Burnden Park was a benefit game for Di Jones. A crowd of approximately 4,000 turned up to see a friendly

encounter with Preston on September 11, 1895. Since then there have been very many huge attendances here until we reached our peak. Here are just a few of them:

53,747 v Blackburn Rovers (Division One)
November 29, 1913

54,909 v Burnley (Division One) March 5, 1921

66,442 v Manchester City (FA Cup, rd 2) January
28, 1922

**69,912 v Manchester City (FA Cup, rd 5) February
18, 1933

**still the ground record

BALL, John

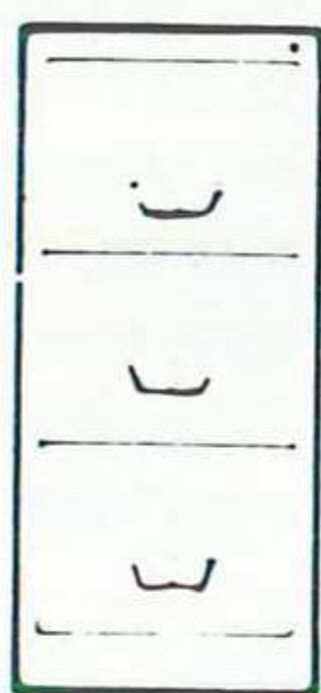
John joined Manchester United from Wigan Athletic shortly after the last war and made 22 First Division appearances for the Reds before transferring to Bolton in 1950. He went straight into our first-team at right-back, holding his place for five seasons. John was a member of our F.A. Cup final team of 1953 and made a total of exactly 200 League appearances for the club.

League record:		App.	Gls.
MANCHESTER UNITED	1947/48	1	—
	1948/49	8	—
	1949/50	13	—
	1950/51	35	—
	1951/52	39	—
BOLTON	1952/53	26	—
	1953/54	42	—
	1954/55	42	—
	1955/56	2	—
	1956/57	10	1
	1957/58	4	1
		<u>222</u>	<u>2</u>

In part 2 of our A-Z we shall be recalling two great Bolton stars of the 'fifties — Tommy Banks and Malcolm Barrass — and the deeds of Mr J.J. Bentley the administrator who did so much to put both Bolton, and the game of football itself, on the map. Don't miss it!



● The picture that clears up the mystery surrounding Wanderers' first goal in the Lancashire Cup game at Rochdale. Simon Rudge was credited with the goal but the picture shows Wayne Foster got the final touch.



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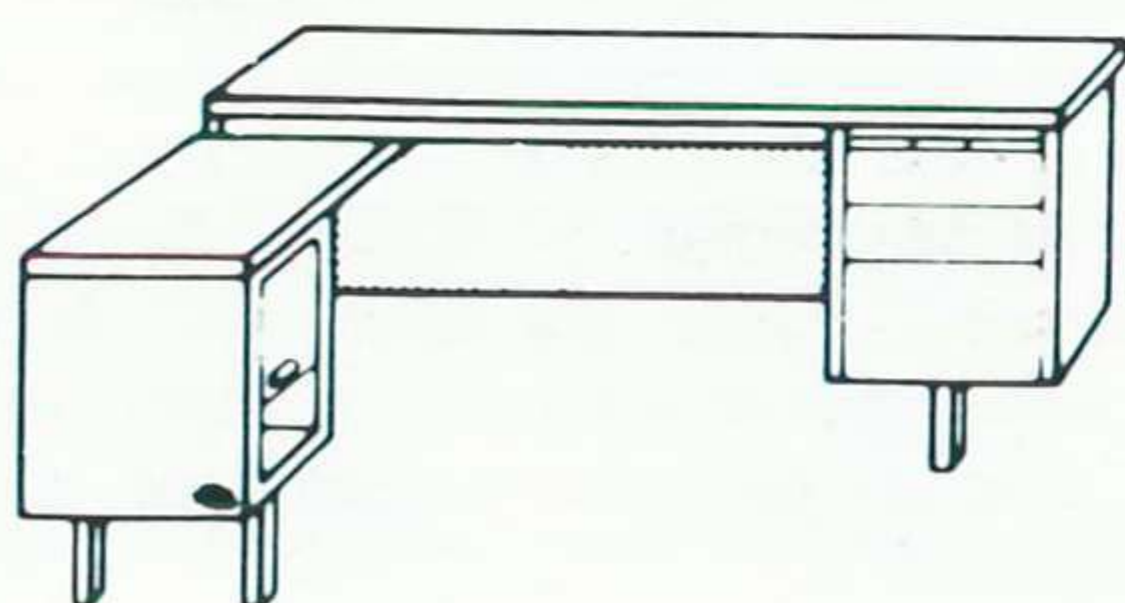
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Action

1. Level Again! Wayne Foster, out of picture, slots home the equaliser late in the game at Rochdale
2. Tony Caldwell in action at Rochdale

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Date **Opponents** **F.A.** **Att.**

1983	Aug. 27	Wimbledon		
	30	Chester City MC1 (1st Leg)		
Sept.	3	Bradford City		
	6	Gillingham		
	10	Walsall		
	14	Chester City MC1 (2nd Leg)		
	16	Scunthorpe United		
	24	Rotherham United		
	27	Burnley		
Oct.	1	Bristol City		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 2 (1L7)		
	8	Exeter City		
	15	Newport County		
	18	Hull City		
	22	Port Vale		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 2 (2L)		
	29	Southend United		
Nov.	2	Lincoln City		
	5	Orient		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 3		
	12	Plymouth Argyle		
	19	FA Cup 1		
	26	AFC Bournemouth		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 4		
Dec.	3	Brentford		
	10	FA Cup 2		
	17	Preston North End		
	26	Wigan Athletic		
	27	Oxford United		
	31	Sheffield United		
1984	Jan.	2	Millwall	
	7	Bradford C. (FA 3)		
	14	Wimbledon		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 5		
	21	Scunthorpe United		
	28	Walsall (FA 4)		
Feb.	4	Bristol Rovers		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup SF (1L)		
	11	Rotherham United		
	14	Lincoln City		
	Mid-week	Milk Cup SF (2L)		
	17	Southend U. (FA 5)		
	25	Port Vale		
Mar.	3	Hull City		
	6	Orient		
	10	Plymouth A. (FA 6)		
	17	Exeter City		
	24	Newport C. (MC F)		
	31	Burnley		
Apr.	7	Gillingham		
	14	Brentford (FA SF)		
	20	Oxford United		
	21	Wigan Athletic		
	28	AFC Bournemouth		
May	5	Millwall		
	7	Sheffield United		
	12	Preston North End		
	19	FA Cup Final		

BOLTON WANDERERS 1983/84



Front Row L to R. Charlie Wright (Coach), Jeff Chandler, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Player/Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

Middle Row. Warren Joyce, Neil Redfearn, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster.

Back Row. Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Simon Farnworth, Gerry McElhinney, Peter Valentine.

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FACTS

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
FINAL TABLE 1982-83

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Q.P.R.	42	16	3	2	51	16	10	4	7	26	20	85	
Wolves	42	14	5	2	42	16	6	10	5	26	28	75	
Leicester City	42	11	4	6	36	15	9	6	6	36	29	70	
Fulham	42	13	5	3	36	20	7	4	10	28	27	69	
Newcastle Utd	42	13	6	2	43	21	5	7	9	32	32	67	
Sheffield Wed.	42	9	8	4	33	23	7	7	7	27	24	63	
Oldham Ath.	42	8	10	3	38	24	6	9	6	26	23	61	
Leeds United	42	7	11	3	28	22	6	10	5	23	24	60	
Shrewsbury T.	42	8	9	4	20	15	7	5	9	28	33	59	
Barnsley	42	9	8	4	37	28	5	7	9	20	27	57	
Blackburn R.	42	11	7	3	38	21	4	5	12	20	37	57	
Cambridge Utd.	42	11	7	3	26	17	2	5	14	16	43	51	
Derby County	42	7	10	4	27	24	3	9	9	22	34	49	
Carlisle United	42	10	6	5	44	28	2	6	13	24	42	48	
Crystal Palace	42	11	7	3	31	17	1	5	15	12	35	48	
Middlesbrough	42	8	7	6	27	29	3	8	10	19	38	48	
Charlton Ath.	42	11	3	7	40	31	2	6	13	23	55	48	
Chelsea	42	8	8	5	31	22	3	6	12	20	39	47	
Grimsby Town	42	9	7	5	32	26	3	4	14	13	44	47	
Rotherham U.	42	6	7	7	22	29	4	8	9	23	39	45	
Burnley	42	10	4	7	38	24	2	4	15	18	42	44	
Bolton W.	42	10	2	9	30	26	1	9	11	12	35	44	

CENTRAL
LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date		Opponents	Goals	
			F	A
1983				
Aug.	31	Burnley		
Sept.	7	Newcastle Utd.		
	14	Derby County		
	20	Manchester Utd.		
	28	Sheffield Wed.		
Oct.	4	Liverpool		
	12	Nottingham F.		
	19	Blackburn R.		
	27	Sheffield Utd		
Nov.	9	Aston Villa		
	15	Everton		
	23	Leeds United		
	30	Stoke City		
Dec.	7	Sunderland		
	14	West Brom A.		
	21	Newcastle Utd.		
1984				
Jan.	11	Liverpool		
	17	Derby County		
	25	Manchester Utd.		
	31	Sheffield Wed.		
Feb.	8	Nottingham F.		
	22	Blackburn R.		
	29	Aston Villa		
Mar.	14	Sheffield Utd.		
	20	Burnley		
	28	Everton		
Apr.	2	Leeds United		
	11	Stoke City		
	18	Sunderland		
	25	West Brom. A.		

1982-83

Appearances and Scorers

McDonagh 42(1), Whitworth 38,
Bennett 15+1s, McGovern 14, Jones
33(1), Doyle 30(2), Chandler 35+2s(4),
Henry 31(9), Moores 23+3s(3), Reid
15(1), Hoggan 27+1s(6), Berry 8+1s,
McElhinney 16, Rudge 21+2s(3),
Deakin 30(1), C. Thompson 16(4),
Foster 21+3s(4), S. Thompson 3,
Whatmore 10(3), Redfearn 10, Gray 10,
Borrows 9, Joyce 5+3s.

NEXT HOME GAME

Milk Cup 1st Round
(1st Leg)

Tuesday 30th August
K.O. 7.30 p.m.

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BOLTON WANDERERS SQUAD

SEASON 1983/84

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper). When Republic of Ireland 'keeper Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County, John McGovern turned to near neighbours Bury and signed up former Oldham Athletic No. 1 John Platt. Born in Ashton, John had seven seasons at Boundary Park before his move to Bury.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper). Coached enthusiastically by Charlie Wright, Simon has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for a couple of seasons.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender) Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender) A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY (Defender) International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career.

ERIC SNOOKES (Defender) A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons, Eric is a defender John McGovern had been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born blonde full back started his career with Preston and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender) Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield. Crossing the Pennines brought a fresh challenge for the promising young central defender.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender/midfield) A regular full back berth at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline, signing the Liverpool youngster for a modest fee. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield showing the versatility of this promising young player.

JOHN MCGOVERN (Midfield) John was appointed Player/Manager in June '82. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also

led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League cup successes.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield) Son of club coach Walter, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender, Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield) Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in Midfield but likes to home in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN (Midfield) It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job making his debut, still only 17, at Rotherham. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER (Striker) A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER (Striker) A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderers' scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

STEVE SAUNDERS (Striker) A cruel sequence of injuries robbed Steve of his chance of a first team place last season. But it won't be long before this livewire attacker makes his League bow.

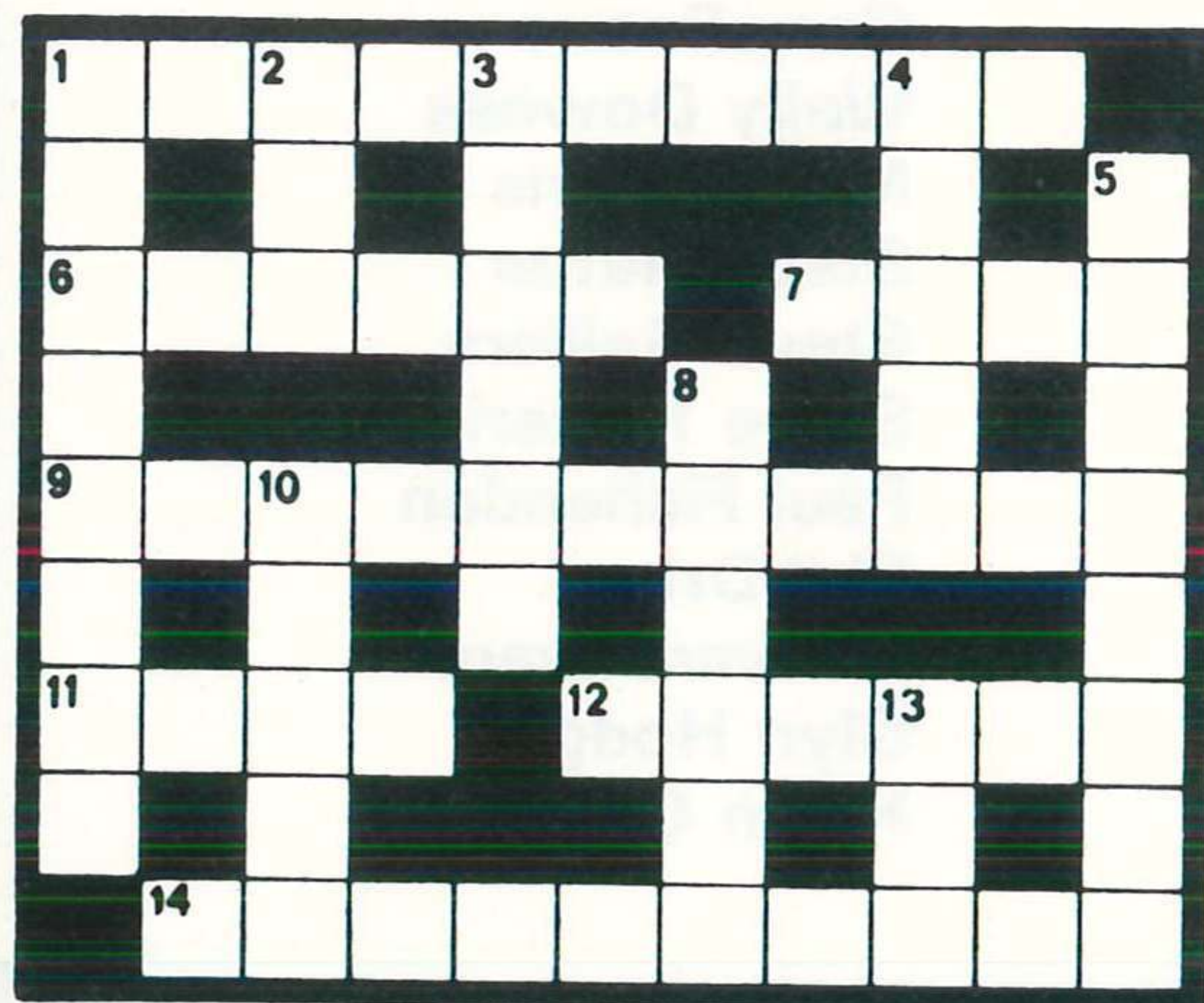
SIMON RUDGE (Striker) Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terror-like qualities last season. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that we'll see a lot more of this diminutive striker from Warrington.

TONY CALDWELL (Striker) Record breaking scoring feats in Non-League football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved in and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Current champion club . . . (10)
6. . . . with whom Archie — — — wound up his career helping them into the division which they have just left (6)
7. One of the Bowles boys (4)
9. Stopper who set the League appearances record (614) for Nottingham Forest . . (3,8)
11. . . . who are sited at — — — Ground (4)
12. Set-piece situation (6)
14. Midfielder with Villa during the 1960s, later ending on the coast with Southampton and Torquay (10)



Down

1. As the attacking winger or over-anxious defender may do (4,4)
2. Wilkins as he wants it (3)
3. Irish international whose clubs have included Bury, Blackpool, Olympiakos and Southend (6)
4. The Dutch national team of the 1960s played '— — —' football (5)
5. Scottish Anglo capped on and off since 1975 (4,4)
8. England's first-ever scoreline against European opposition (Austria, 1908) (3-3)
10. Wilkins as he doesn't want it (5)
13. Never a World Cup final score! (3)

QUICK QUIZ

1. Which player netted five in a 1982/83 League match?
2. How many players were sent off in 'Black' October 1982?
3. Who are "The Quakers"?
4. Which club did the Fenton brothers serve (in turn) as player-manager?
5. Which relegated club won no cup yet went into the 1982/83 Cup-Winners' Cup?

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

Puzzle Page

MIXED DOUBLES No. 1

Re-order the letters in each of the words

SALON and **SHINGLE**

to find the names of two men called Tom.

PICK-NICK No. 1

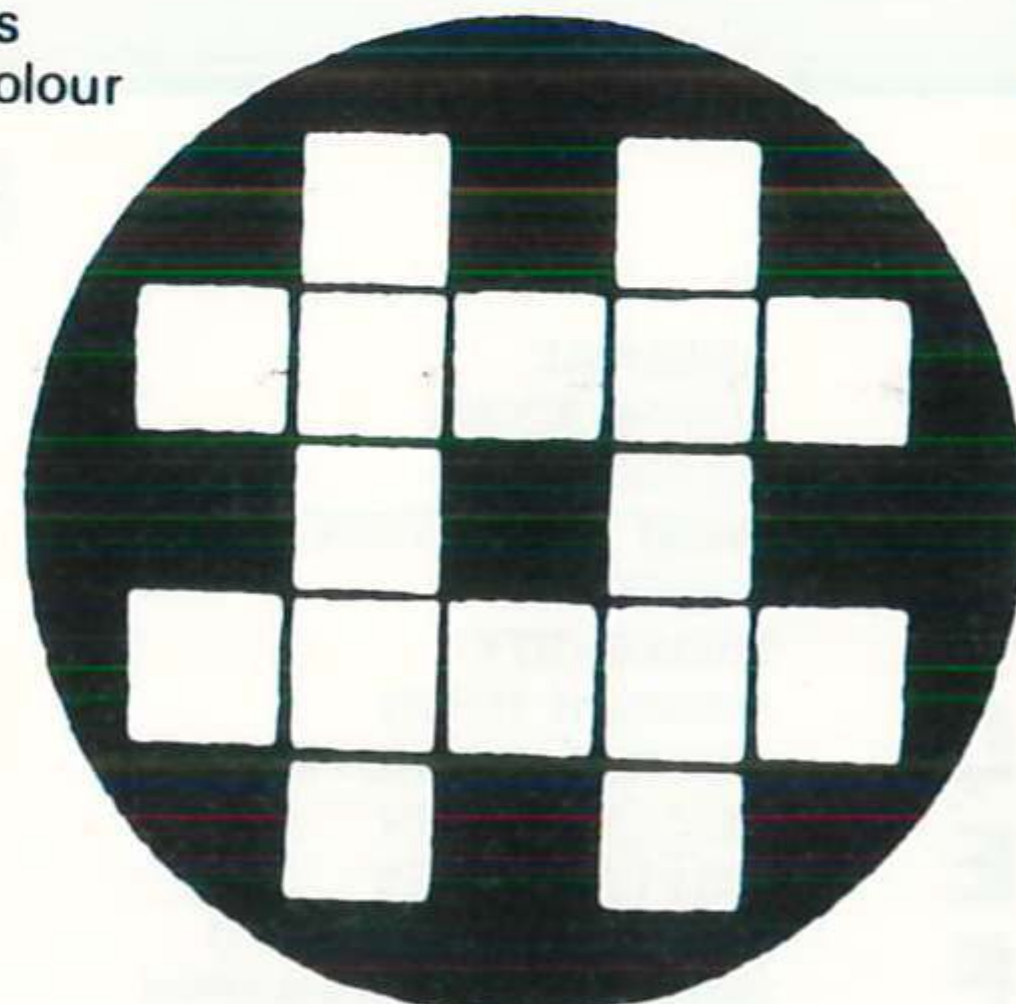
Solve this cryptic clue to a club's nickname and then identify the club:

THEY PUT ON SOME SHOW WITH THEIR TAILS UP!

ON THE BALL No. 1

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Footballer/cricketer
Old QPR chief
Coventry comforts
Craven Cottage colour



TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS

White & Navy Blue

Simon Farnworth	1
Neil Berry	2
Ray Deakin	3
Warren Joyce	4
Gerry McElhinney	5
Peter Valentine	6
Steve Saunders	7
Jeff Chandler	8
Wayne Foster	9
Tony Caldwell	10
Simon Rudge	11
	12

WIMBLEDON

Blue With Yellow Trim

Dave Beasant
Gary Peters
Wally Downes
Mark Morris
Steve Hatter
Steve Galliers
Steve Ketteridge
Paul Fishenden
Phil Driver
Stewart Evans
Glyn Hodges
Kevin Gage

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TODAY'S REFEREE:

TRELFORD MILLS, (Barnsley). Started refereeing in the Barnsley and District Leagues, then progressed through Barnsley and Sheffield Leagues on to the Central and then Football League List.

A married man, with one son, he is an Insurance Inspector with interests in Cricket and gardening.

LINESMEN: R.A. FUNNELL (Chester) RED FLAG
H.D. HUTCHINSON (Buckley, Clwyd) YELLOW FLAG



HALFTIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL	I	WATFORD	Q	HULL CITY
B	LUTON TOWN	J	COVENTRY CITY	R	BURNLEY
C	ASTON VILLA	K	WEST HAM UNITED	S	NEWPORT COUNTY
D	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	L	BIRMINGHAM CITY	T	BRISTOL ROVERS
E	EVERTON	M	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	U	ORIENT
F	STOKE CITY	N	LIVERPOOL	V	BRADFORD CITY
G	IPSWICH TOWN	O	BLACKBURN ROVERS	W	OXFORD UNITED
H	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	P	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	X	LINCOLN CITY
	LEICESTER CITY		CRYSTAL PALACE		PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
	NOTTS COUNTY		MANCHESTER CITY		WIGAN ATHLETIC
	MANCHESTER UNITED		AFC BOURNEMOUTH		PORT VALE
	QUEENS PARK RANGERS		PRESTON NORTH END		SCUNTHORPE UNITED
	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		BRENTFORD		SHEFFIELD UNITED
	SOUTHAMPTON		MILLWALL		GILLINGHAM
	SUNDERLAND		EXETER CITY		SOUTHEND UNITED
	NORWICH CITY		WALSALL		ROTHERHAM UNITED